availability of phosphatic & Potassic fertilisers as per assessed requirement. However, to meet any sudden spurt in the demand of these fertilizers the Government is also maintaining buffer stock of DAP.

Chinese co-operation in pharma industry

4672. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian pharmaceutical companies have discussed number of issues with the representatives of Chinese companies who were accompanying the Prime Minister of China during his visit to India;

(b) if so, whether both Indian and Chinese pharmaceutical companies have reached an agreement;

(c) if so, the main points of agreement reached; and

(d) to what extent China has agreed to help Indian pharmaceutical companies and has opened their way in China, so that both countries could gain lot of experience on pharmaceutical issue?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Sandhu Committee on drug prices

†4673. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sandhu Committee has submitted its recommendations for providing medicines at cheaper rates to common men in the country;

(b) if so, the details of those recommendations;

(c) whether cheaper medicines would be available after the implementation of those recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme to implement these recommendations in the country?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.